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ADMIRALTY COMMUNIQUE.
London, May 10.
The Admiralty states:—
An operation designed to close the
ports of Ostend and Zeebrugge was
successfully completed on the night
of the 9th instant, when the obsolete
cruiser *Vindictive* was sunk between
the piers and across the entrance to
the Ostend harbour.
Since the attack on Zeebrugge on
April 23rd, the *Vindictive* had been
filled with concrete and fitted as a
blockship.
Our light forces returned to their
base with the loss of a motor launch,
which was damaged and was sunk
by the Vice-Admiral's orders to pre-
vent it falling into the enemy's
hands.
Our casualties were light.
PUBLIC SATISFACTION.
LATER.
The greatest satisfaction is felt at
the successful operation at Ostend.
One or two vessels which participated
show scars of battle. Some bodies
have been landed at Dover.
No further details are procurable
at present.
DETAILS OF THE ENTERPRISE.
LATER.
The blocking of Ostend was carried
out, as previously, under the direc-
tion of Commodore Lynes. The
weather conditions were ideal until
1.45 in the morning, a quarter of an
hour before the *Vindictive* was
arrived at the entrance. Then a
sea-fog drifted to the shore, reducing
the visibility to 300 or 400 yards and
rendering the work very difficult.
The *Vindictive* for 20 minutes crossed
and re-crossed west and east, seek-
ing the entrance and was subjected
to a fire which caused casualties. At
about 2.20 in the morning the crew
were delighted to find themselves
almost alongside the piers. Then
came the great ordeal. Shot and
shell were battering the *Vindictive*.
The Captain swung her into the
Channel and rammed her stern
against the eastern pier. Finding
the *Vindictive* aground and her sit-
ting on the pier, the Captain cleared
the engine room and stokehold and blew
the chimneys.

The crew jumped into two motor-
boats, which were gallantly standing
by, ready to rescue the men. The
Vindictive was then lying at an
angle of 40 degrees on the eastern
pier. The Germans frantically en-
deavoured to prevent the escape of
the crew and a hurricane of shells
was raining round the departing
launches. One of these sighted the
launch *Ilwaco* with Admiral Keyes
on board at 3.15 in the morning, and
two Lieutenants and 28 of the *Vin-
dictive's* men were taken off. One
man was dead.
All on board the *Vindictive* were
volunteers from the Dover Patrol
including one officer who participated
in the Zeebrugge attack.
Commodore Lynes' report says the
enemy did not interfere with
the passage out of the small craft.
All were despatched to their stations
with supporting destroyers, and two
motor-boats were detailed to torpedo
the piers. The seafog stopped the
work of the accompanying aeroplanes
for a time. Even the searchlights
were invisible, but the weather clear-
ed.
When the *Vindictive* arrived
the air attacks recommenced. For
an hour the scene was very lurid
with the thunder of guns and sea
and land explosions and aeroplane
bombs and the smoke arising from
the piers and the *Vindictive*.
The *Vindictive* was seen to be
filled with concrete and was
sunk.
The British casualties so far as
can be ascertained are well under 30.
The plan followed was almost an
exact repetition of that at Zeebrugge.
It was carried out between midnight
on Thursday and 4 this morning.
There were supporting vessels and
heavy fire. The smoke screen was
again employed and climatic condi-
tions were fairly favourable. The
small number of casualties indicates
the enemy's surprise.
It is computed that at least three
or four days must elapse before a
channel can be cleared and buoyed
between the stern of the sunken
cruiser and the land. The silt is col-
lecting very fast at Zeebrugge,
despite the dredging. The blocking
cruisers are so placed that any at-
tempt to blow up the obstruction
would be fraught with considerable
danger to the neighbouring perman-
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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG CLUB will be held in the LARGE DINING ROOM, on THURSDAY, the 16th inst. at 8.30 p.m.

Business: As set forth in the Notice posted in the Hall of the Club.

By Order
E. DES VEAUX,
Secretary.

Hongkong, May 7/1918.

THE CHINA-BORN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTEENTH YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Company's Office, St. George's Buildings, at 11 A.M. on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, to receive a Statement of Accounts for the 31st December, 1917, and the Report of the General Manager and Consulting Committee and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th May to the 17th May, 1918, both days inclusive.

The CHINA-BORN CO., LTD.
W. G. DARBY,
General Manager.

Hongkong, May 2, 1918.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary, on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, at Noon.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd May to the 17th May, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHEWSON & Co., Ltd.
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 29, 1918.

PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 17th May, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 30th April, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th instant to the 22nd instant, both days inclusive.

PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, May 10, 1918.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1918, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts for 31st December, 1917, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 13th May to 23rd May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
per pro. General Manager.

Hongkong, May 11, 1918.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1918, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts for 31st December, 1917, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th May to 23rd May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
per pro. General Manager.

Hongkong, May 11, 1918.

BRITISH TRADERS INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Nos. 3 and 4, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 23rd May, 1918, at 12.45 p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statements of Accounts for 31st December, 1917, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 13th May to 23rd May, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. H. P. HAY,
per pro. General Manager.

Hongkong, May 11, 1918.

INTIMATIONS

\$100 REWARD.

THE UNDERSIGNED will pay the above Reward of \$100 to anyone returning or giving to him information as to the whereabouts of a POINTER DOG lost in Kowloon since the 1st inst. Approximate description:—Head, ears and back LIVER; small WHITE streak whole length of nose but wider near tip; WHITE patch over LEFT hip; possibly some white on neck; throat, chest, underbody and legs WHITE with small liver spots. Answers to the name of "MAX".

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Hongkong, May 10, 1918.

NOTICE.

CARVALHO & COMPANY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. HENRY ARMAND BEN-RICKSON CASTRO has this Day CEASED to be the Manager of our Business at Hongkong and his authority to Sign our Firm Name has been withdrawn.

Dated this 6th day of May, 1918.

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BANKING REFORM.

THE STATE INQUIRY INTO AMALGAMATIONS.

POST-WAR PROBLEMS.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has announced the intention of the Government to institute an inquiry into the subject of banking amalgamations. It will not consist of bankers only, sitting in judgment on their own actions, but will include merchants and manufacturers who are keenly interested in the question. Traders and commercial men have often to go to the banks for financial accommodation for their businesses, and any development in the banking world which might influence old customs in this direction could not be regarded without misgiving, says a Home Contemporary.

Without adequate monetary facilities, trade and commerce would become restricted and employment tend to diminish. All classes are therefore affected by the policy pursued by the banks. It is not a matter of concern only to bank shareholders. The question is whether the amalgamation of banking institutions, which has now become so fashionable, is or is likely to become detrimental to the public interest.

TRADERS AND BANKS.

There has often been complaint from traders and others of unsympathetic treatment by banks when request has been made for facilities for expansion. It is not certain that when amalgamation has been proposed any other course could have been prudently taken. Bankers are custodians of other people's funds, and must not engage in any enterprise which has a speculative flavour.

It may be that the system is at fault and the financial institutions of a different type are required. Some attempt has been made to meet the needs of those who cannot satisfy the banks in the matter of security, but war-time does not afford a good opportunity of putting a matter of this kind to the test.

It is the post-war situation which has to be kept in mind when the desirability of these big combinations of resources is being considered. Stress is laid on the necessity of creating institutions of great power so that they may engage in far-reaching international transactions from which British overseas trade must benefit. But this will not be of advantage to the domestic trader if, in order that these operations may be financed, less capital is available for use at home.

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IF REFORM IS NEEDED.

Money power must not, of course, be misused, but there may be mistaken notions regarding the position of the big banks. They are able to parade resources running into scores and, in one case, hundreds of millions sterling. But banks, like most other businesses, have come up from small beginnings. They did not commence with enormous deposits and assets. They have expanded with the wealth and industry of the country, and have contributed materially to its rapid progress.

Probably the high rate of dividend which most of them pay is behind the popular view that they wield an unhealthy power, but there are plenty of businesses which outstrip them easily in this respect. If there are shortcomings in their policy they should be compelled to reform, and doubtless the merchants and manufacturers on the committee will take care that the real facts are brought to light.

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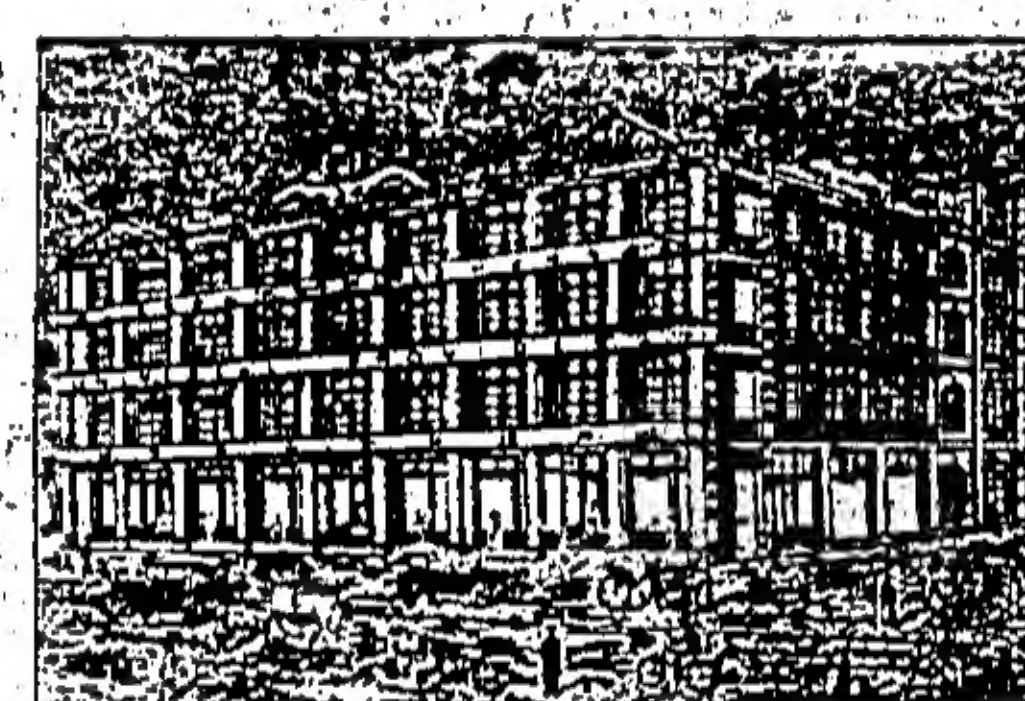
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the 16th May, 1918, at 2.30 p.m., at No. 2, Canton Villas, Kimberley Road, Kowloon.
THE VALUABLE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
therein contained.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,

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Hongkong, May 13, 1918.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED),

SATURDAY,

the 18th May, 1918, at 2.15 p.m., at the Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of Lee House Street.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
VALUABLE OLD CHINESE
PORCELAINS, Etc.,
Comprising—

A variety of 5-coloured and 3-coloured Vases and Plates, Jars, Bowls, Blue and white Vases and Figures, etc., Jadestone Screens, &c.

Also

A few Silver Inlaid Vases.
This stock has recently arrived from the North and will be sold mainly without reserve and includes pieces from the Sung, Hon, Yuan, Ming, Kanghi, Yung-ching, and Kienlung Periods.
(Full Particulars from Catalogue).
On View from Thursday the 16th inst.

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A Consignment of
KODAKS AND FILMS

Just received by the
"EMPRESS OF RUSSIA"

26, Des Vaux Road Central.

THE CALENDAR.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

3 p.m.—Sale by auction of "Tusculum," Barker Road, by Mr. Geo. F. Lammert.

9.15 p.m.—Frawley Co. open at the Theatre Royal, Play "The House of Glass."

GENERAL MEMORANDA.

WEDNESDAY, May 15—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture at Tusculum, Barker Road, The Peak.

9.15 p.m.—Frawley Co. at the Theatre.

THURSDAY, May 16—
5.30 p.m.—Extraordinary General Meeting of Members of Hongkong Club.

FRIDAY, May 17—
11 a.m.—The Office-Borne Co., Ltd., annual meeting.

Noon—Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., annual meeting.

called upon to bear, to have his attention distracted and his energies dissipated by having to turn aside from the important work in hand to answer the "sniping" of unexpected enemies, and we are sure that the country generally will support the very reasonable appeal with which the PRIME MINISTER concluded his answer to the accusations unfairly made against him and Mr. BONAR LAW.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

On Saturday 10 cases of cerebro-spinal fever were reported in the Colony. There were three deaths on that day.

It is stated in a telegram from Peking that the Central Government has sent emissaries to Kwangsi to negotiate peace with General Luk Wing-tung.

It will doubtless be an agreeable surprise to many to notice in the new advertisement of the War Bond Drawing that the subsidiary prizes will be much larger than previous announcements had suggested. It was said in the earlier advertisements that in the event of the full sum of \$500,000 being available for distribution, the subsidiary prizes would range from \$1,000 to \$50. Now it is announced that they will range from \$10,000 to \$100. We draw attention to the provisional allocation of these prizes set out in the advertisement.

A sad shooting fatality occurred at Hankow on the 29th April. Mr. Sweetingham, who is the traffic manager of the British-American Tobacco Company, came home as usual at midday, and being out of sorts retired to his room presumably to sleep. At five in the afternoon his "boy" came into the room with tea, when he found him lying dead on the bed. A small 32 calibre revolver was lying at his side. Dr. Urbanek was immediately called, and found that death had been instantaneous, the revolver having been placed close to the heart. Mr. Sweetingham leaves a wife and two small children for whom the greatest sympathy is felt.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mons. H. Moet, French Consul General at Yokohama, has left for France, and will retire from the consular service. M. Guerin, French Consul at Seoul, is to succeed him. Meanwhile, M. Valentini, Vice-Consul in Yokohama will assume charge of the consulate.

Mrs. F. A. Cook died early at Shanghai last week after an illness of three months. She is survived by her husband Captain Cook of Arkell and Douglas, and formerly of the United States Army, and two sons Frank and Murray, who are in the Philippine Islands.

THE WAR BOND DRAWING.

A few weeks ago three questions concerning War Bond tickets were advertised. One of the best answers received is appended:

Answer A.
Ten little bond tickets, all of them were mine.

One of them I gave away, then there were nine.

Nine little bond tickets fell into the grate.

A live cinder dropped on one, then there were eight.

Eight little bond tickets prayed for luck to have.

But the angels collared one, then there were seven.

Seven little bond tickets with my child did mix.

And one reached the Compradore, then there were six.

Six little bond tickets saw St. George arrive.

One of them the Dragon got, then there were five.

Five little bond tickets used to wedge a door.

Where one was squashed to nothing, then there were four.

Four little bond tickets all his fate did see.

One of them skeddaddled off, then there were three.

Three little bond tickets at a game did bo.

One of them she swallowed up, then there were two.

Two little bond tickets when the wheel had spun.

One of them had all the luck, so I had won.

Answer B.
One little bond ticket brings bonds to straits the Hun.

Answer C.
I'll let all the bonds remain, realizing none.

THE MAGISTRACY.

A FALSE SENSE OF PRIDE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with being in unlawful possession of a lady's purse and a quantity of lottery tickets. It was also alleged that the defendant gave false information when attempting to pawn a jacket.

Defendant said he was a new arrival in the Colony and did not know the regulations.

Asked why he gave a false name when pawning the jacket, defendant said he did so because it was not pleasant to give his correct name at the pawnshop. His Worship remanded the case until tomorrow, pending further inquiries.

THE LONG ARM OF JUSTICE.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning with assaulting an Indian watchman.

The assault, it was stated, was committed on the Indian as far back as February 1917. The defendant, who was then arrested, was allowed out on a bail of \$25 and when the case came up for hearing at the Magistracy the defendant did not appear.

Inspector Lamont said the defendant and some other men assaulted the Indian watchman at the Green Island Cement Works. The Indian accused the defendant of having stolen a quantity of coal which was lying in a boat and the latter assaulted him.

Mr. J. M. Hall, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the defendant. His Worship remanded the case until next week, fixing bail at \$200.

A YOUTHFUL BURGLAR.

A Chinese youth was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with breaking into a house last night.

Complainant said that when she woke up in the middle of the night, she found her room in darkness. She got up and was lighting the lamp when defendant rushed past her into the verandah and down the street by sliding down the drain pipe. She called out "thief," and a constable near by arrested the defendant.

Mr. Wood sentenced the defendant to three months' hard labour.

A YOUNG THIEF.

A Chinese lad was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball with the theft of a quantity of jewellery valued at \$127, and another Chinese was charged with receiving the stolen property.

Inspector Terrett said the lad was employed as a servant to Miss Roza Pereira, of 9 Bellicose Terrace. The robbery took place between the 6th of March and the 6th instant, and it was not discovered until Friday last. The Police were informed. Sergeant Cockle raided the lad's house and the boy then admitted the theft of the jewellery and said he had sold the articles to the other defendant who was a shopkeeper in Circular Street.

Mr. R. Mattingly appeared for the defence of the shopkeeper.

His Worship remanded the case until next Friday, fixing bail on the shopkeeper on the sum of \$200. The boy was left in the custody of the Police.

THE CHINESE EASTERN RAILWAY.

PEKING, April 27.

Reuter's Agency is in receipt of the following communication from the Russian Legation with reference to the question of the present management of the Chinese Eastern Railway, which has lately been under the consideration of the competent Russian and Chinese authorities:

The contract for the construction of the Chinese Eastern Railway 1895 provides for a board of directors to manage its affairs, residing either in Peking or in Peking. In view of the present conditions in Russia the railway has severed its connection with Petrograd and the question of the election of a new board of directors in Peking had to be considered. A meeting of the shareholders of the railway, among whom the Russo-Asiatic Bank occupies the first place, was accordingly held at the Russo-Asiatic Bank to-day. April 27. Mr. Ko Chung-shi, civil governor of Kirin, having previously been appointed President of the Russo-Chinese Society has taken the chair. The following board of directors, (which can be only Russians and Chinese), was elected at to-day's meeting: Lieut. General Horvath, acting vice-president and general manager, Vice-Admiral Koltchak, Mr. Oustrougoff, Count Zensierky, Mr. Konorloff, Mr. Yen Shih-ching, Mr. Staita, member. Mr. Pusiloff, who was on the former board, remains a member of the new board.

This election will allow of the solution of many questions which the local administration of the railway is not empowered to decide alone. It constitutes a valuable asset in the regular operation of the railway, the financial and working prospects of which have remained not only hopeful but in more than one instance, unexpectedly satisfactory through the most difficult period of its existence. The railway is not only able to face the autonomous position it occupies, now, but will remain the chief instrument for the commercial and industrial development of Northern Manchuria.

BOBBY.

FIGHTING IN NORTH RIVER REGION.

BIG BATTLE FOUGHT NEAR SHIU KWAN.

[From Our Canton Correspondent.]

A recent communication from Shiu Kwan tells of a great battle fought between the Northern and Southern forces at Nam Shung. As the Northern forces entered the city they commenced to pillage the place and create terror to the inhabitants; but the Southern forces showed great bravery in resisting the Northern soldiers, killing over a thousand men in a few days' struggle. However, the Southern soldiers had to retreat eventually towards Shiu Kwan, taking their wounded with them. The Southerners lost about three hundred killed in this battle. A large number of Southern soldiers have reached Shiu Kwan and are marching on Nam Shung. Many of the forces engaged around Kung Kong have been transferred to this section to drive the Northern troops out of the Province from this section. The reinforced army of the South is now within a few miles of Nam Shung and is prepared to surround the city, and thus to destroy the army utterly. When this is done, they will march the Southern army towards Kwei Lin, hoping to give relief to the forces in Kwangsi.

MUCH RELIEF WORK BEING DONE FOR THE WOUNDED.

Dr. Yeung Tin Oi from Canton has gone to Shiu Kwan to organize relief work, taking with him a force to help in this work. Also Dr. Beddoe, of the Baptist Mission at Yingtak, has gone up to render all the assistance he can. He is working with Dr. P'an Yun Nien, who has a hospital at Shiu Kwan, to help meet the pressing demands of the suffering soldiers. Great numbers of the wounded are pouring into Shiu Kwan, and the doctors are doing what they can to care for them. All hospitals at Shiu Kwan are overflowing, and all who are willing to help in meeting the needs of these wounded men, are finding plenty to do.

THE WHOLE NORTH RIVER SECTION IN A STATE OF TERROR.

Alarming reports are coming from Yingtak, some fifty miles south of Shiu Kwan, saying that the people are in a state of constant fear. The coolies are afraid to come to town as the soldiers snatch them up and take them away for the army. Practically all work has stopped.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE IN CANTON.

The American Red Cross Society in Canton is seeking to enroll 100,000 Chinese members of the American Red Cross in South China and to raise \$100,000. The drive is to be inaugurated on the 23rd inst. and completed by the 28th or 29th. The Chinese officials and leading citizens are taking considerable interest in the enterprise. Several Americans are active in bringing this effort to a happy consummation.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE UNLIGHTED APPROACHES TO HONGKONG.

[To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL"]

DEAR SIR,—All the merchant vessel masters are deeply concerned as to why all the lights within about 30 miles of Hongkong are not lit.

Surely, sir, they should know it is an ancient law, but, sir, so many ancient laws have now been torn up.

It cannot be to trap the enemy, as our local troops work their way within a few miles of Hongkong at all hours of the night and in all weathers. Why? Because there is always ringing in the ears of every British seaman, "Get on with the war and no d— nonsense."

If a slow and almost unmanageable vessel can do the above, what is to prevent the enemy doing the same? Out in this part of the world it seems a kid glove way to go about bedding the enemy. Buck up, Hongkong; show your lights; nail your colours to the mast and stand by your seamen; don't do the ostrich stunt.

A seaman never expects consideration as his lot is to bear the burden of Red Tape, snobs and penalties, and he has to bear seeing columns in the newspapers about their splendid heroes who go down to the sea in ships. Some day he may see columns about those strategists who send him there.

If no notice is taken regarding the many appeals on this same subject in official quarters, we trust that the British Chamber of Commerce will advise the seamen in their earnest endeavour to get on with the war.

Give us a chance to lay it well down.

HONGKONG 13th May 1918.

MASTER MARINE.

SPORTING.

TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

The following were the results of Saturday's tennis matches:—
Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown (rec. 15/3) beat Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Norton (rec. 2/8) in the Mixed Handicap Doubles by 6-3, 6-4.
In the Handicap Singles A, U.E. Kent (over 3/0) beat C. Winkler (rec. 15/3) by 6-3, 6-2.

THIS EVENING'S MATCHES.
The following games have been arranged for to-day—

PROFESSIONAL FATES.
H. A. Nibbel and H. R. Phelps v. N. E. Kent and J. S. Jennings.
Major Ardoino and Capt. M. Jones v. H. and R. Hancock.
F. E. Joel and C. C. Stark v. B. M. Henderson and H. J. Jackson.

HONGKONG JUNIOR LEAGUE.

K.C.C. (C) v. ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

K.C.C. A.S.	ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE
Davidson and J. Hyde beat Britton and M. R. Fung 8-5	
Davidson and J. Hyde lost to H. P. Yen and S. H. Ng 3-8	
Davidson and J. Hyde lost to H. H. Tsai and K. P. Liu 1-10	
Edwards and W. Hyde beat H. H. Tsai and K. P. Liu 6-8	
Edwards and W. Hyde lost to H. P. Yen and S. H. Ng 4-7	
Edwards and W. Hyde lost to Britton and M. S. Fung 4-7	
Elson and Mead beat Britton and M. S. Fung 7-4	
Elson and Mead lost to H. H. Tsai and K. P. Liu 7-4	
Elson and Mead lost to H. P. Yen and S. H. Ng 5-8	
	43-55

LEAGUE TENNIS.

In the "A" Division of the Hongkong League Tennis, the C. B. Brown team beat the U. S. R. C. team by 3 games to 2. The same team also played the U. S. R. C. at King's Park yesterday and beat them by 63 games to 38.
In the "B" Division, the Taikeo team beat the Wigan team by 71 games to 38. The C. B. Brown team beat the U. S. R. C. "B" team by 64 games to 35.
In the Junior League, the K.C.C. "C" team lost to St. Stephen's College by 43 games to 71. The Indian School beat the U. S. R. C. "A" team by 24 games to 14. The Chinese T.V.C.A. beat the Queen's College by 51 games to 48. The U. S. R. C. "C" team beat the M.B.K. team by 53 games to 47.

1st DIVISION.

The University "A" team lost to Club "A" team by 13 games on the former's ground.
Brayshaw and Redmond beat Yvanovich and Finna 6-5
Brayshaw and Redmond beat Lopes and Lopes 6-5
Brayshaw and Redmond beat Marques and Yvanovich 9-2
Chao Sin Kah and Lim Keng Tim lost to Yvanovich and Finna 4-7
Chao Sin Kah and Lim Keng Tim lost to Lopes and Lopes 3-8
Chao Sin Kah and Lim Keng Tim lost to Marques and Yvanovich 5-8
Gittings and Chan Ming Ching lost to Yvanovich and Finna 3-8
Gittings and Chan Ming Ching lost to Lopes and Lopes 4-7
Gittings and Chan Ming Ching lost to Marques and Yvanovich 3-8

THE ECONOMIC POSITION OF JAPAN.

FINANCE MINISTER'S REVIEW.

Mr. Shoda, the Japanese Minister of Finance, addressing 300 bankers assembled at Osaka on the 1st inst., from all the cities and districts of south-western Japan, reviewed the present economic conditions in Japan, which, he said, differed from those of last year, particularly with regard to foreign trade, in which last year the excess of exports during the first three months amounted to Yen 137 millions, whereas foreign commerce this year was Yen 292 millions for the same period, whereas last year it totalled Yen 675 millions.

This increase was due to the great stride in imports, notably cotton, iron, steel, wool, oil, and machinery, all of which were essential in the development of Japan's industries.

Future changes were difficult for anyone to forecast, but he did not believe the War would terminate in the near future and consequently they must expect that Japan would be affected more and more by the conditions arising from the War, but he saw no reason for dismay. He urged the bankers to help develop the industrial resources of the nation.

The Minister of Finance said that he expected that the economic competition after the War would be very keen. Although the belligerents had spent over Yen 15,000 millions in war funds, their successful management of their finances would enable them to come out of the War without heavy exhaustion, hence their recuperation would be comparatively speedy.

Reviewing the internal economic situation in Japan, Mr. Shoda referred to the greatly advanced price of commodities, which, according to an investigation made by the Bank of Japan, averages 82 per cent.

News has been received in Shanghai of the death of a very old and popular resident of the settlement—Mr. Tom Pemberton, for 41 years with the firm of Messrs. Whitlock and Co. The deceased was about 75 years of age and died in England on the 18th March last. He left Shanghai for home eleven years ago.

ALWAYS RECOMMEND IT.

It is almost every community there is some one whose life has been saved by Chamberlain's Cough, Cholera, and Diarrhoea Remedy. Such persons seldom miss an opportunity to recommend it, and these recommendations are of the greatest popularity, for, as all Chamberlain and Stoughton.

HONGKONG GYMKNHA CLUB.

SECOND MEETING OF THE SEASON.

The Second Meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club which took place at the Happy Valley on Saturday last, provided plenty of excitement. The weather was ideal and the track, owing to the recent rains, was in the very best condition. The sensational win of the day was made by Siamese Cat with Sutton up in the Gymkhana Stakes. Snuffbox and Brown Mouse together led at the start with Siamese Cat, Windsor Dahlia and the Churman following a few lengths behind. This position was maintained until in the home straight, when Sutton skilfully piloted his mount home a good length ahead of the others. The following were the results of the meeting:—

FIVE FURLONGS RACE.

Mr. T. F. Hough's Haggis, 151lb. (Mr. Gegg) 1

Mr. Lux's Marne, 149 lb. (Mr. Kremer) 2

Mr. Barady's Morning Glory, 151lb. (Mr. Barton) 3

Also ran—Mr. Reid's Doubtful (Mr. Reid); Mr. G. and G.'s Second Violin (Mr. Knoll); and Mr. H. B. L. Dawbigin's Hestman (Mr. Sutton).

Won by a length, a neck between second and third.

Time: 1 min. 18 1/2 secs.

Cash Sweep: Winning No. 157, \$410.50;

147, \$117.50; 99, \$18.80.

Parimutuel: Winner, \$22.40; 1, \$7.00

2, \$6.80; 3, \$7.30.

GYMKHANA STAKES.—One mile.

Marks Previously Earned.

Snuffbox 4

Windsor Dahlia 2

Brown Mouse 1

Mr. Scores' Siamese Cat, 151lb. (Mr. Barton) 1

Mr. G. and G.'s Brown Mouse, 151lb. (Mr. Knoll) 2

Also ran—Sir Ellis Radcliffe's Essex Chief (Mr. Sutton);

Mr. G. and G.'s Second Violin (Mr. Knoll); and Mr. H. B. L. Dawbigin's Hestman (Mr. Sutton).

Won by a length, a neck between second and third.

Time: 2 min. 10 1/2 secs.

Cash Sweep: Winning No. 131, \$341.10;

70, \$134.60; 47, \$73.20.

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SUNDAY'S CABLES

THE "MAURICE" SENSATION.

THE DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

THE PREMIER'S EXPLANATIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

PREMIER'S EXHAUSTIVE EXPLANATION.

OVERWHELMING DEFEAT OF MR. ASQUITH'S MOTION.

LONDON, May 9.

In continuation of his speech in the House of Commons (the first portion of which was published in last night's *China Mail*) the Premier said as regards the extension of the front the Allies were involved, it was very difficult to discuss it without risk of offending their susceptibilities. That was one reason why he was exceedingly sorry the controversy had arisen. A Select Committee was not the best tribunal for the investigation of facts when passions were aroused. The House of Commons came to a similar decision long ago as regards election petitions. Mr. Asquith had come to that conclusion as regard Mesopotamia. A Select Committee was then suggested, which Mr. Asquith deprecated for reasons which he, Mr. Lloyd George, considered right. Judges were not accustomed to examine facts, and could give a short sharp decision. Since Tuesday it had become clear from the pro-Asquith press that no statement, no matter how secret, would be accepted. The Government had, therefore, decided to give the facts to the public and let the public judge.

GENERAL MAURICE'S ALLEGATIONS.

Proceeding to examine General Maurice's statements, the Premier said that two challenges had been made regarding the figures: firstly, regarding the comparison which he, the Premier, made of the British forces in France on January 1st, this year, and on January 1st, last year, and, secondly, comparison of the enemy and Allied forces on the Western Front. "I said the fighting strength of the Army has increased. General Maurice says it has diminished. The figures I gave were taken from the official records of the War Office. If they are incorrect General Maurice is as responsible as anyone else; but they are not inaccurate. I have made enquiry since. I am not sure what General Maurice exactly means. There is absolutely no doubt that there was a very considerable addition to the man-power of the Army in France at the beginning of 1918 compared with the beginning of 1917. There was a great increase in the man-power of our Army throughout the year in 1918 compared with 1917, but the increase in our man-power in France was greater than the average throughout the whole area. I do not know what General Maurice has in mind when he talks of fighting strength."

Mr. Lloyd George said General Maurice must have drawn a distinction between combatant and non-combatant strength. "I do not accept that distinction." (Cries of "Oh!")

The Premier (continuing): "Are those men who stopped the advance at Amiens the other day combatants? Are the men under fire daily making and repairing roads, tramways and railways, who suffer severe casualties, combatants or non-combatants? Does anyone say they are not part of the fighting strength of the Army?"

Mr. Lloyd George read an extract from a document from General Maurice's department, initiated by General Maurice's deputy: "From the statements included it will be seen that the combatant strength of the British Army was greater on January 1st, 1918, than on January 1st, 1917."

"That came from General Maurice's department," continued Mr. Lloyd

George, "nine days after my speech. (Loud cheers.) As regards General Maurice's second statement dealing with the comparison between the Allied and enemy forces, I have been charged with misleading the public by leading the public to believe that at the time the attack occurred the Allied position on the Western Front was that we had a slight superiority in infantry, a considerable superiority in cavalry and a superiority in artillery. The whole of these figures were based on statements made by General Maurice."

FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S DEMAND.

The Premier continued that the statement regarding the Divisions in Mesopotamia and Egypt was made to the War Cabinet in the presence of General Maurice, who made no correction.

Regarding the extension of front, General Maurice stated he was at Versailles. That was true; but the implication was that he was at that meeting. He was not there. He was in a building outside with several others who were present to assist various Generals; but he was not in the Council Chamber when the question was discussed. The extension of the front of General Gough's Army was never discussed in the Versailles Council at all. A demand was made for further extension, but the extension in question occurred before the Council met. It had been agreed upon by Sir Douglas Haig and General Petain and was reported by Sir Douglas Haig to the Council as a *fait accompli*. Not a single yard of front was taken over as the result of the Versailles Council. Although General Maurice did not say so the real point was this—it was put in a question by Mr. Lambert (already published)—namely, whether this portion of the line was not taken over by order of the War Cabinet despite the objections of Sir Douglas Haig and Sir William Robertson. There was not a word of truth in that suggestion. Of course, Sir Douglas Haig was not anxious to extend his line, nor was the War Cabinet, but the pressure from the French Government and the French Army was enormous. This pressure could not be resisted. He did not suggest for a moment that the French acted unfairly. There was considerable ferment in France last year regarding the length of line held by the French Army compared with ours. The French losses had been enormous. They had sustained the great strain of the fighting for three years. The French had a greater proportion of their manhood in the line than any other belligerent. The French then held a front of 326 miles. We held a front of 120 miles, but the Germans were massed much more densely against our line, which, moreover, was much more vulnerable than the French. Besides the line mentioned the French Army then held a two Division front on our left in order to enable us to accumulate the necessary reserves with a view to an attack in Flanders. The French pressed us to extend our line in order that they might withdraw men from the army for purposes of agriculture. Their agricultural output had fallen enormously and they were compelled to withdraw part of their army for cultivation of the soil. Therefore, owing to the French pressure, Sir William Robertson and the Cabinet felt it was inevitable during the winter that there should be some extension. What further extension should be made was a matter in doubt.

FACTS EXPLAINING THE EXTENSION.

Proceeding, Mr. Lloyd George outlined the principles laid down by Sir William Robertson, which the Cabinet accepted, namely: Firstly, they accepted in principle that there must be an extension of the British line; secondly, that the time and extent must be left to the two Commanders-in-Chief; thirdly, no extension was possible until the offensive was over; fourthly, the line to be taken over must depend upon the military policy for 1918 and upon the role assigned to those armies. Everyone would admit that these were sound principles (cheers) and the Cabinet accepted them without demur. They had never departed from them during the whole of the negotiations. There was a meeting last year at Boulogne between himself, Sir William Robertson, M. Painleve and General Foch, which was summoned to discuss a question affecting the Foreign Office, at which M. Painleve raised the question of the extension of the front. He, Mr. Lloyd George, was unprepared. Therefore, he told Sir William Robertson that it was a matter with which he must deal, and the whole matter was handled by Sir William Robertson and he laid down those principles, which were heartily approved by the Cabinet. In consequence of the matter being discussed at this conference, Sir Douglas Haig got the impression that some decision was reached without his consent. Consequently Sir William Robertson drew up the following memorandum: "At the recent Boulogne Conference between the Prime Minister, M. Painleve, General Foch and myself the question of the extension of front was raised by the French representative."

The Premier then drew attention to the following words in the memorandum in view of the statement that the Government overruled Sir Douglas Haig and Sir William Robertson: "The reply given was that while in principle we were, of course, ready to do whatever we could have done, the matter could not be discussed in the absence of Sir Douglas Haig or during the present operation, and due regard must also be had to the plan of operation for next year. It was suggested that it would be best for Sir Douglas Haig to come to an arrangement with General Petain as to when this could be done. So far as I (Sir William Robertson) am aware, no further formal discussion occurred and the matter therefore cannot be regarded as decided. Further, I am sure the War Cabinet would not think of deciding such an important question without obtaining Sir Douglas Haig's view and I am replying to him in the above sense." (Cheers.)

The Premier continued: "That was on October 18 and the War Cabinet fully approved of the communication. Sir Douglas Haig immediately replied saying that it threw a new light on the Boulogne decision. This question was first formally discussed with the War Cabinet on October 24. There was further pressure from the French Government and Sir William Robertson gave his views regarding the line which the British ought to take. This conclusion was recorded in the minutes of the War Cabinet as follows: 'After hearing the Chief of the Imperial General Staff the following conclusions were recorded: The War Cabinet approved the suggestion of the Chief of the Imperial Staff that, he should reply to Sir Douglas Haig in the following sense.'"

The Premier here interjected: "We are supposed to have overruled the Chief of Staff."

The Premier then resumed reading the War Cabinet's minutes: "The War Cabinet is of opinion that in deciding the extent to which British troops can take over the line from the French regard must be had to the necessity of giving them reasonable opportunity for leave, rest and training during the winter months, and for the plan of operations for 1918, and further that while the present offensive continues it will be impossible to commence taking over more front. The general military policy for next year is now being considered and will subsequently form the subject of conferences with the Allied Governments. In these circumstances the War Cabinet fear that until this policy is settled it will be premature to decide finally whether the British front can be extended by four divisions or to a greater or less extent than this."

The Premier added that that was communicated to Sir Douglas Haig and was never departed from. After that came the Cambrai incident and the Italian disaster, necessitating us to send troops from France and making it difficult for Sir Douglas Haig to carry out the promise given to General Petain for a certain extension, which was not as large as the one that subsequently occurred. Then M. Clemenceau came into office and insisted that the British Army take over the line. We maintained that it was a matter to be discussed by the Commander-in-Chief. Ultimately M. Clemenceau suggested that the matter should be examined by the military representatives at Versailles and that the Versailles Council decide if a difference of opinion arose.

LATER.

Mr. Lloyd George, continuing his speech in the House of Commons, said the Military representatives at Versailles examined the question and the Cabinet communicated with Sir William Robertson and Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, urging the importance of making a very strong British case for presentation at Versailles. That was the only interference as far as the British Cabinet was concerned. The Military representatives at Versailles suggested a compromise between the British and French views, coupling with them the recommendation as regards the steps which ought to be taken by the French to assist if the British were attacked, and *vice versa*. This recommendation was to be discussed at Versailles on March 1st, but before that Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and General Petain met and came to an agreement as regards an extension to Buzinville, and Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reported it to Versailles. No further extension of the line had occurred. That was the whole story. Field-Marshal Haig in taking over the extension of the line had the full approval of the British Cabinet. Having regard to the pressure from the Government and the French Military authorities Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig had no option but to make the extension. He was in our judgment absolutely right in the course he took. He naturally would have preferred not to have done it, but the Government fully approved of his action.

MISCHIEVOUS AND UNFOUNDED RUMOUR.

As a result of this action there had been a pernicious rumour, full of mischief and harm to the British Army, that we, despite the remonstrances of Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig and Sir William Robertson, forced them to take a risk they ought never to have taken. Did anyone, asked the Premier, imagine that Field-Marshal Haig would have accepted a responsibility of this kind for a moment? The Premier proceeded to say that he was not sorry to have had the opportunity of disposing once for all these rumours which were circulated by persons for their own purpose, but the real lesson of this discussion about the extension of the line was the importance of the unity of command. The discussion would never have arisen but for the lack of unity of command. The Premier was glad that at last we had one united Army and a Commander responsible for the whole and every part of the

Army. The Premier added that it was not so much a question of the length of the line as the question of reserves massed behind.

ARMY'S DISCIPLINE.

There were two general considerations to which he must refer. Regarding the effect of action, such as General Maurice's, on the discipline of the Army, it was a flagrant breach of discipline. Mr. Asquith had admitted it. The Premier respectfully expressed his opinion that Mr. Asquith ought to deprecate it. Mr. Asquith's motion was a vote of censure on the Government, which could not possibly continue operations if it was carried, and Mr. Asquith would then be responsible for the Government. (Cries of "No," and "cheers," and "Wait and see.")

The Premier emphasised that it was essential to deprecate action like General Maurice's, which was not merely a breach of the King's Regulations. General Maurice occupied a high position. Supposing a Regimental officer or an ordinary soldier acted similarly, what would have been said?

OTHER SPEECHES.

Sir Edward Carson said it was ridiculous to ask Judges to decide a question which involved the Premier's honour, but he appealed to Mr. Asquith not to insist on an enquiry by a Committee. Nothing more disastrous could be contemplated.

Brigadier-General H. Page Croft (Unionist M.P. for Christchurch) accused the Premier of bluffing the House. Lord Hugh Cecil said Mr. Lloyd George's speech was more effective as an attack on General Maurice than as a defence of the Government, which had lost the national confidence. Only the fear of Mr. Asquith's return kept the Government in power.

THE VOTING.

Mr. Asquith's motion was rejected by 298 votes to 106.

The majority consisted of Ministers, most of the Unionists present, a number of the Liberals and most of the Labourites. Apparently only one Unionist, the Hon. Mr. Aubrey Herbert (M.P. for Somerset), voted for the minority. It is significant that out of 280 Liberals less than half supported Mr. Asquith in his first assault on the Ministry.

FIGHTING IN FLANDERS.

BRITISH AND FRENCH POSITIONS RE-ESTABLISHED.

ENEMY ATTACKS IN PICARDY.

LONDON, April 9, 10.35 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

At the conclusion of the fighting this morning in the La Clytte-Vormezeele sector the French and British positions were completely re-established.

The enemy, after artillery firing, launched two early local attacks in the neighbourhood of Albert and Bouzincourt. Our rifle and machine-gun fire broke up the latter attack, the enemy not reaching our trenches.

The enemy, after suffering heavy casualties from our fire at Albert, effected a lodgment in our advanced positions on a front of 150 yards.

UNIFIED COMMAND SUREST ROAD TO VICTORY.

FIELD-MARSHAL HAIG'S LOYALTY.

PARIS, May 10.

Lord Derby speaking at a dinner given in his honour by

the Anglo-American Press Association, emphasised the loyalty with which Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, who was an old friend of his, placed his services at the disposal of Generalissimo Foch.

This loyalty was due to his absolute confidence in Generalissimo Foch. Similar loyalty was felt by all Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig's officers. Lord Derby was convinced that the unified Command was the surest road to victory, which would not be long in being traversed.

MAJOR-GENERAL MAHON.

DEPARTURE FROM IRELAND.

LONDON, May 10.

Major-General Sir Bryn Mahon has announced his impending departure from Ireland.

SCOTTISH-BOLSHEVIST CONSUL SENTENCED.

FIVE YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR SEDITION.

LONDON, May 10.

John McLean, the Scottish teacher, who was the Bolshevik Consul, was sentenced at Glasgow to five years' rigorous imprisonment for sedition.

UKRAINE'S WAR ON RUSSIA.

GENERAL SKOROPADSKY'S MANIFESTO.

MOSCOW, May 10.

General Skoropadsky, the inveterate enemy of the Bolsheviks, in a manifesto on resuming office, told the Ukrainians that they owed their salvation to the Central Powers, who were invincible.

The manifesto does not mention peace with Russia. Therefore, it is assumed that the Ukraine will continue operations against Russia.

SALONIKA OPERATIONS.

AERIAL FIGHTING.

BULGAR TRENCHES RAIDED BY BRITISH.

LONDON, May 9.

A Salonika official report states:—The British raided trenches near Lake Doiran on the night of May 6th, reached all objectives, bombed dug-outs, blew up a pillbox and killed a number of Bulgars in hand-to-hand fighting.

Five of our aeroplanes on May 1st bombed the Hubova aerodrome in the Vardar valley. They destroyed a large shed and bombs fell among twelve aeroplanes on the ground.

We bombed the same aerodrome on May 7th, directly hitting a workshop. Bombs fell close to sixteen aeroplanes on the ground.

We bombed the Drama aerodrome on the morning and afternoon of May 8th, causing considerable damage. All the bombs burst among aeroplanes.

All our aeroplanes returned.

FRENCH PAY HEAVY TOLL FOR VICTORY.

ENEMY USE AEROPLANES MARKED LIKE BRITISH.

LONDON, May 9.

Reuter's Correspondent at French Headquarters, continuing his description of the work of the French troops in the defence of Scherpenberg on April 29th, says:—

In recognition of the skill and courage with which the British guns were served under devastating enemy fire, the French Colonel under whose command they were bestowed the

French War Cross on a British Major, pinning on the decoration in the midst of a fight. One French battery fired until every gun was disabled and the officers and half the men serving the guns were killed or wounded.

In several instances in the recent fighting the Germans were using captured British aeroplanes, or their own marked like the British, thus securing immunity from the French guns, swooping down on groups of French officers and machine-gunning them at a hundred yards' range.

The French Division paid a heavy toll for its victory; but it has stopped the enemy offensive against the Flemish Hill since April 30th. The Germans have scarcely stirred except in response to French attacks. So completely was the enemy beaten that men who went through the battle are confident that he will not try a frontal attack on Scherpenberg.

CAPTURED BY BRIGANDS.

RELEASED AFTER 52 DAYS.

A correspondent of the *China Press* (Shanghai), writing from Yencheng, Honan on April 27th, says:—Early yesterday afternoon Mr. Riltbrook received word from Wuyang that Mr. Kyle had been released there at 5 p.m. on April 23. A few of us rode out to Wuyang Road to meet and welcome the released engineer.

When about 12 or 13 li from Yencheng, we met the party and Mr. Kyle was safe and well protected. He, together with Mr. Riltbrook and the other friends, who had been here for seven weeks or so in connection with the case, left for Peking by the express last night.

During conversation with Mr. Kyle I learned something of his privations during the fifty-two days of his captivity. He estimates he walked from 1,200 to 1,400 li during that period and all during the night. For the last month after the great battle in the hills on March 25, they have been on the plain in the region of the triangle formed by the three cities of Yencheng, Siping and Wuyang. During the whole of this time, he did not see daylight. The party travelled only at night, and during the day Mr. Kyle was carefully guarded in dark rooms. He had but little sleep, for when he snored he was immediately awakened by his captors. After a while they took away his foreign boots because of the noise made when walking and substituted Chinese shoes. These did not fit and caused huge and painful blisters. Later on he tore up a towel and after binding this around the shoes were more comfortable.

From the time Mr. Riltbrook's escape one of the leaders, Ma Lin, promised to protect Mr. Kyle and I, understood, really befriended him, doing his best to get the best possible food for him. For two whole weeks they were within sound of the railway and one evening the 12th of April, they were within 100 yards of the line, and saw the passenger train go through. At length negotiations were carried on through the Roman Catholic Mission and at one of the stations at a village 40 li from Wuyang, Mr. Kyle with Ho-pin and others arrived, at which point his bodily sufferings really came to an end. I hear that the seven chief robbers have been pardoned and will have situations found for them by the Chinese Government.

The release is due to Commander Cheng, who has been working hard and very capably managing affairs since he went to Wuyang. One interesting and mysterious phase I must not omit. When the Kyle Purcell party were robbed and kidnapped on the fourth of March, the bandit who took the silver amounting to \$12,000 disappeared from the band and Mr. Kyle did not see him again until one evening when near the railway. He then appeared with a stock of food, guns and ammunition, and he has not been seen since.

Mr. Kyle looked in pretty fair shape, considering all the hardships he had undergone, but the strain of the captivity has told heavily upon him and it will be some time before he regains his wonted vigour. He is a man of about 62 years of age. He has a wife in the United States and two sons serving with the colours in France.

A correspondent of the *T. C. Daily News* writing from Kaifeng, on April 31, said:—The Governor appointed a 21 military officer, with full powers, to round up the whole band and show no mercy to any—such decision in action to begin on Sunday the 21st instant. This decision was confirmed by the American Legation authorities, who had been vainly negotiating all these weeks for Mr. Kyle's liberation. It was, however, conveyed to the bandit chief in the form of an ultimatum, with a rather fascinating option attached. If Mr. Kyle were immediately released, the bandits were to receive full pardon and the privilege of being enrolled in the Roman militia, with a post of honour for the chief. A bundle of 60 pardons guaranteed by the American Legation was sent along, and Mr. Kyle was released on Thursday last (with what possible results for other foreigners in the future the reference is patent).

TELEGRAMS.

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THE BLOCKING OF OSTEND.

THE GERMAN VERSION OF THE RAID.

London, May 10.
The German official version of the Ostend exploit states:—
Enemy ships, protected by an artificial fog, tried to force their way into the harbour, but were driven off by our coastal batteries.
It asserts that the *Vindictive*, which was entirely battered to pieces and lies aground before the harbour, is outside the navigation Channel and the entrance is quite free.

THE WAR CABINET'S CONGRATULATIONS.

London, May 11.
The War Cabinet has telegraphed to Vice-Admiral Keyes as follows:—
"The country owes to you, your officers and men their warmest thanks for your successful efforts to deal with the submarine menace at the source. The blocking of Ostend puts the finishing touch to the gallant achievement at Zeebrugge."
"We send you our sincere congratulations."

THE EAGERNESS OF OFFICERS AND MEN.

LATER.
It is stated at Dover that Vice-Admiral Keyes decided that the *Vindictive* should be handled by the crew told off for the *Brilliant*, which with the *Sirius* previously tried to block Ostend, but the Engineer-Commander, a petty officer and four artificers who served in the *Vindictive* at Zeebrugge claimed the right and were allowed to remain.

ZEEBRUGGE PRACTICALLY USELESS FOR GERMANS.

A SIGNIFICANT REPORT FROM SWITZERLAND.

London, May 9.
It has been reported from Switzerland that the Germans are unable to use the Flemish ports and are obliged to direct all submarines and destroyers to German ports.
"Reuter's Agency cannot confirm this, but is convinced that the blocking of Zeebrugge has proved far more successful than it has so far been imagined, and it has become practically useless for the Germans."

ENEMY BOMBS BELGIAN WORKS.

London, May 11.
A Belgian communiqué states:—
German artillery bombarded the Belgian works and communications in the Neuport zone during the night while the British were attacking the coast.

SPLENDID ARTILLERY SERVICES.

London, May 10.
The Press Bureau states:—
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig has expressed his deep appreciation of the splendid service of the artillery in the Somme and Lys battles, and added that the infantry will be the first to admit the inestimable value of artillery support. "The confident reliance of each arm upon the most whole-hearted and self-sacrificing co-operation of the other is the greatest possible assurance that all further assaults will be met and defeated."

GENERAL MAURICE ON RETIRED PAY.

ARMY COUNCIL'S FINDINGS.

London, May 11.
The Press Bureau states that the Army Council have considered Major-General Maurice's explanations and have decided that he should be placed forthwith on retired pay.

MAJOR-GENERAL MAHON'S SUCCESSOR.

London, May 10.
The Daily News says it is understood that General Shaw has succeeded Major-General Bryan Mahon, who has not resigned, but relinquished his command owing to military changes in Ireland.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

LOCAL FIGHTING AT DIFFERENT SECTORS.

LOST TERRITORY RECAPTURED NEAR ALBERT.

London, May 10, 2.45 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—
Our counter-attack recaptured the small portion of the front trench gained by the enemy to the north-west of Albert.
We captured a few prisoners.
Hostile artillery was active in the Somme and Ancre valleys and at different points of the Lys battle-front.

London, May 10, 10.45 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

There was local fighting to-day in Arleux Wood northward of Albert. Hostile artillery firing was particularly active in the Vinny and Robecq sectors and southward of Dickebusch.

London, May 11, 10.55 p.m.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

We repulsed a raid in the neighbourhood of Neuville-Vitasse. A wireless German official report admits that the enemy obtained a footing in Grivesnes Park.

FRENCH LINE ADVANCED SLIGHTLY.

London, May 11, 12.45 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

The French advanced their line slightly north-eastward of L'Ocre and took several prisoners.

We carried out successful raids westward of Merville and brought back prisoners.

Our machine-gun fire stopped an attempted raid eastward of Ypres.

London, May 12, 12.45 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—

In a successful local operation on the 11th inst. the French improved their positions northward of Kettel village and took over a hundred prisoners.

We repulsed a raid on the Ypres-Commin Canal.

Our patrols, in night encounters, took prisoners and a machine-gun in the neighbourhood of Meten.

Enemy artillery was active in the Ancre sector, southward of Albert, and on our forward positions eastward of Loos and southward of Vermezele.

GREAT AERIAL WARFARE.

THIRTY ENEMY MACHINES BROUGHT DOWN.

SIXTEEN BRITISH PLANES MISSING.

London, May 9, 11.55 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—

We dropped 10 tons of bombs on Le Cateau, Cambrai and Bapaume and on the Zeebrugge docks and mole.

Strenuous air-fighting occurred in the northern area. We brought down 22 German machines and drove down seven.

Our gun-fire shot down another. Seven British planes are missing.

We dropped a ton of bombs at night-time on the railway stations of Douai and Maroing.

30 MACHINES DESTROYED.

London, May 11, 12.5 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, reporting on aviation, says:—

The cloudless weather enabled a full day's work on the 9th. Our machines flew throughout the day, reconnoitring and photographing.

Our bombers displayed great activity on the whole front and dropped 24 tons of bombs, including the important railway stations of Tournai, Douai, Maroing, Chaulnes and Cambrai, on the billets at Carvin, Peronne and Chippilly and the docks of Zeebrugge.

Air-fighting was almost continuous and particularly fierce towards dusk.

We brought down 27 German machines and drove down 12.

Six British planes are missing.

We dropped at night 47 tons of bombs on the docks at the entrance of the Ostend Canal and 18 tons on Peronne, Chaulnes and Bapaume.

All our machines returned.

GERMAN REPORT.

A GERMAN WIRELESS OFFICIAL MESSAGE STATES:—

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PRESS CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS.

ORIGINAL ENEMY PUSH LOSES MOMENTUM.

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THE KING'S LETTER TO AMERICAN FORCES.

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They were driven out by a brilliant counter-attack and our line was completely restored.

The Germans lost heavily and left a hundred unwounded prisoners, 15 machine-guns and a quantity of material in our hands.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, May 9, 11.30 p.m.

A wireless German official report states:—

Our local attacks southward of Dickebusch Lake were completely successful. We stormed strongly fortified positions on the east bank of the Yver brook for a width of two kilometres and ran into a Franco-British attack which we dissipated.

The enemy's attack fully developed only astride the Leningelest-Kemmel road and it was repulsed, together with counter-attacks against our new positions.

We took 675 prisoners belonging to six French and two English Divisions which suffered heavily.

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THE ITALIAN FRONT.

MONTE CORNO HEIGHTS STORMED.

London, May 11.

An Italian official report states:—

We stormed the strongly-organised height of Monte Corno in Vallarsa on the night of the 9th, capturing a hundred prisoners and two guns.

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Rome, May 10.

The Pope's *Motu Proprio* urges the Catholic clergy throughout the world to offer a special mass on June 29 for the restoration of justice and peace.

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FRENCH GAIN GROUND.

ENEMY LINES RAIDED.

London, May 11.

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During the night the artillery struggle was very lively throughout the region of Grivesnes, Mailly and Baineval.

We carried out a raid north of Grivesnes and captured 15 prisoners.

A minor operation against Bois-de-Moreuil, north-west of Orvillers, enabled us to gain an appreciable amount of ground with 30 prisoners and several machine-guns captured.

An enemy counter-attack completely failed.

Our detachments also raided the enemy lines south-east of Montdidier and north-east of Thiéscourt and Woivre. Some prisoners were brought back.

SHOCK TROOPS PARTICIPATE IN ATTACK.

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AMERICAN TROOPS IN LONDON.

SCENES OF ENTHUSIASM.

NOTHING LIKE IT SINCE AUGUST 1914.

London, May 11.

The march through London to-day of a regiment of the United States troops to Buckingham Palace, where they were reviewed by His Majesty the King, occasioned scenes of enthusiasm unsurpassed since August 1, 1914. For miles along the route of the march the streets were thronged with people cheering and waving flags, while Whitehall, from the Abbey to Trafalgar Square, was very densely packed. The Londoners unanimously acclaimed the splendid appearance of these representatives of America's new Army and especially admired what the Londoners have come to know as the "Overseas" look and bearing which the Americans possessed.

The peculiar significance of the event is that the regiment is one of the New Army, the officers and men having been trained since last autumn. Each soldier carried in the pocket of his tunic a message of welcome from His Majesty the King, in which His Majesty said: "I wish I could shake hands with each one of you and bid you God-speed on your mission." The King warmly complimented the Officer-Commanding on the general bearing of the troops. He was pleased to see so fine a sample of the forces which America is sending to aid the Allies.

THE KING'S LETTER TO AMERICAN FORCES.

"THE ALLIES WILL GAIN NEW HEART."

London, May 10.

The Press Bureau states:—

His Majesty the King has written the following personal letter to be distributed to every American soldier arriving in England:—

"The people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take a stand beside the Armies of many nations who are now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom. The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish I could shake hands with each one of you. I bid you God-speed on your mission."

AMERICAN TROOPS IN FRANCE.

WAR SECRETARY'S FORECAST EXCEEDED.

OVER HALF-A-MILLION ALREADY AT THE FRONT.

WASHINGTON, May 10.

Mr. Baker, the War Secretary, authorises the announcement that his forecast to the Congress in January that half-a-million of American troops will be in France early in 1918 has already been surpassed.

CONFUSION IN RUSSIA.

GERMAN COMPELLED IN UKRAINE.

Moscow, May 10.

The coup d'état in Ukraine has created a great impression here and there are fears that the incident of a Prussian officer entering the Rada may soon find an analogy on a bigger scale. The newspapers are full of descriptions of the irruption of German soldiers in the Rada with the Members and the public standing at the point of the pistol with their arms above their heads. The only exception was the president, Professor Grouchevsky, who protested against the invasion. The efforts of the Ukrainian Ministers and the Rada to secure a compromise with the Germans were unavailing. The German Ambassador at Kiev, replying, said: "It is too late."

The Germans have established a rigorous censorship at Kiev. The police raided the residence of Professor Grouchevsky, President of the Central Rada, with the object of arresting him. Professor Grouchevsky escaped to Petlioura.

A member of the Rada was arrested and subsequently released.

A detachment of officers attempted to arrest M. Salikovsky, the Government Commissary at Kiev, but Salikovsky escaped.

RUSSIAN GENERAL MURDERED.

COPENHAGEN, May 11.

A message from Vienna says the Bohemian have murdered the famous Russian General, Benckendorff.

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HONGKONG WAR BONDS DRAWING PRIZES.



The sale of tickets has proceeded so satisfactorily that the Committee is now able to indicate a provisional allocation of the 3 big prizes and the 100 smaller prizes.

The prizes given below are, as already advised, subject to the amount available for distribution being the sum of \$500,000.

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3rd prize	37,500
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2 prizes of \$7,500 each	15,000
2 prizes of \$5,000 each	10,000
2 prizes of \$2,500 each	5,000
7 prizes of \$2,000 each	14,000
6 prizes of \$1,000 each	6,000
10 prizes of \$700 each	7,000
15 prizes of \$400 each	6,000
15 prizes of \$300 each	4,500
24 prizes of \$200 each	4,800
15 prizes of \$100 each	1,500
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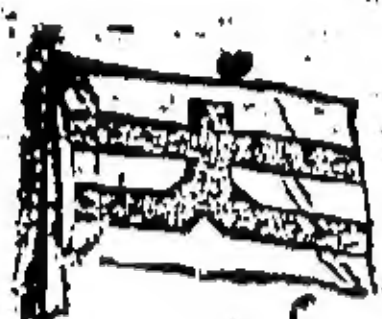
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	*Kamakura Maru, 12,500 tons SAT, 25th May 11 a.m.	
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	*Tango Maru, 14,500 tons SAT, 18th May, 11 a.m.	
	*Nikko Maru, 9,800 tons SAT, 18th June, 11 a.m.	
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	*Hwa-hwa Maru, 8,000 tons THU, 30th May.	

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Hongkong, May 11, 1918.

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